




Canterbury Plains



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CANTERBURY

3 DAY ITINERARY

From The Garden City of Christchurch, where old English charm meets vibrant new design, to rolling plains and soaring peaks, Canterbury offers wonderful variety for incentive groups.

DAY ONE

Sightseeing on the Avon A quintessential introduction to Canterbury incorporates a stroll through the beautiful Botanic Gardens on the banks of the Avon River to discover why Christchurch is called ‘The Garden City’. Or enjoy the view from the water, taking a traditional water gondola and punting down the river in luxury. Then jump on an historic tram for a loop to see some of the brilliant artwork and design projects underway in the central city.

Wining and dining Head north to the wine region of Waipara. Sample the valley’s famed Pinot Noirs and Rieslings before lingering over a long alfresco lunch at an award-winning winery restaurant.

Thermal pools or thrill-seeking Continue on to the alpine spa village of Hanmer Springs and spend the afternoon relaxing in the natural thermal pools or indulge in a spa treatment. Alternatively, venture into the nearby Waiiau Gorge for an afternoon of excitement. Thrillseekers Adventures specialises in jet boating, white water rafting, canoeing, bungy jumping, quad biking and mountain biking experiences for incentive groups.



Christchurch



Aoraki / Mt Cook



Hanmer Springs

DAY TWO

A flight to remember Wake early for a majestic hot air balloon or helicopter ride over Canterbury. Flights depart in time for you to watch the morning sun roll in over the plains. Once you are back on solid ground, enjoy a celebratory glass of chilled bubbly.

Classic country charm Depart mid-morning for Terrace Downs High Country Resort. Enjoy a gourmet barbecue lunch while overlooking the stunning foothills of the Southern Alps before playing a round of golf on the resort's championship course. If golf is not for you, there are plenty of other activities to keep you occupied. Try your hand at clay pigeon shooting, archery, go salmon or trout fishing, take a horse trek or indulge in a spa treatment at The Spa. Finish the day off with dinner at one of the resort's three on-site dining options, before retiring to your suite.



Akaroa

DAY THREE

Rolling plains and highland lakes Sit back and enjoy a sightseeing drive through the Canterbury Plains, passing the mirror-like lakes of the Mackenzie High Country and the iconic Church of the Good Shepherd on the shores of Lake Tekapo. Stop for lunch at Peppers Bluewater Resort before taking a relaxing soak in the hot pools overlooking the lake.

Cosy luxury or Alpine adventure Travel by coach or chartered plane to the renowned Hermitage Hotel at the base of Aoraki Mount Cook, New Zealand's tallest mountain. Whether you're up for adventure or simply want to cosy down by the fire, all guests are catered for at The Hermitage. Afternoon activities include alpine 4WD tours, heli-hiking, mountain hikes or a scenic flight over the nearby glaciers, or head out on the mighty Tasman Glacier Lake for a boat trip, fly fishing or kayaking adventure.

Southern skies stargazing After a sumptuous dinner, make the most of the clear mountain air for a fantastic final night of stargazing. Take a guided tour from Mt Cook village or Lake Tekapo to experience the magnificent night sky within the Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve, the largest gold-rated reserve of its kind in the world.



Lake Tekapo



Tekapo



Mount Cook National Park

This itinerary is just a sample of the kind of incentive experiences you can have in New Zealand. For a customised itinerary find an expert incentive operator at businesssevents.newzealand.com

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